

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A machine direction oriented polymeric film comprising (A) at least one propylene homopolymer, copolymer or blend of two or more thereof wherein (A) has a melt flow rate from about ~~[[5]]~~ 8 to about 40 g/10 min and (B) at least one olefin elastomer.

2. (Currently Amended) The film of claim 1 wherein (A) has a melt flow rate of from about ~~[[6]]~~ 8 to about 32.

3. (Original) The film of claim 1 wherein (A) is a propylene homopolymer.

4. (Original) The film of claim 1 wherein (A) is a propylene copolymer prepared from propylene and an olefin having from 2 to about 12 carbon atoms.

5. (Original) The film of claim 1 wherein the propylene copolymer is a copolymer of propylene and one or more of ethylene, butylene, hexene, heptene, octene, nonene or decene.

6. (Original) The film of claim 1 wherein (A) is an propylene ethylene copolymer or propylene butylene copolymer.

7. (Original) The film of claim 1 wherein (B) is an ethylene homopolymer or copolymer, propylene homopolymer or copolymer, or mixtures of two or more thereof.

8. (Currently Amended) The film of claim 1 wherein (B) is a ethylene-butene copolymer, ethylene-octene copolymer, ethylene-hexene copolymer, [[and]] ethylene-hexene-butene terpolymer, or mixtures of two of more thereof.

9. (Original) The film of claim 1 wherein (B) has a melt flow rate of about 1 to about 40.

10. (Currently Amended) The film of claim 1 wherein (A) or (B) ~~is a nucleated~~ contains a nucleating agent.

11. (Original) The film of claim 1 wherein the film is clear.

12. (Original) The film of claim 1 wherein (A) is prepared using a metallocene catalyst.

13. (Original) The film of claim 1 wherein (B) is prepared using a metallocene catalyst.

14. (Original) The film of claim 1 wherein all polymers of the film are hydrocarbon polymers.

15. (Original) The film of claim 1 further comprising (C) at least one nucleating agent.

16. (Original) The film of claim 1 wherein the film has been oriented by stretching in the machine direction at a stretch ratio of about 2:1 to about 9:1.

17. (Currently Amended) A [[clear,]] machine direction oriented film comprising (A) at least one propylene copolymer having a melt flow rate of about [[5]] 8 to about 40 g/10 min, and (B) at least one olefin elastomer.

18. (Original) The film of claim 17 having a thickness from about 1 to about 7 mils.

19. (Currently Amended) The film of claim 17 wherein (A) or (B) ~~is nucleated~~ contains a nucleating agent.

20. (Original) The film of claim 17 wherein (A) or (B) is prepared using a metallocene catalyst.

21. (Original) The film of claim 17 further comprising (C) at least one nucleating agent.

22. (Original) The film of claim 17 which is a monolayer film.

23. (Original) The film of claim 17, wherein (A) is a propylene ethylene copolymer or propylene butylene copolymer.

24. (Original) The film of claim 17 wherein (B) is an ethylene homopolymer or copolymer, propylene homopolymer or copolymer or mixtures of two or more thereof.

25. (Currently Amended) The film of claim 17 wherein (B) is a ethylene-butene copolymer, ethylene-octene copolymer, ethylene-hexene copolymer, ethylene-propylene-butene terpolymer, [[and]] ethylene-hexene-butene terpolymer, or mixtures of two of more thereof.

26. (Currently Amended) A ~~clear~~, machine direction oriented film comprising about 50% to about [[90]] 95% by weight of (A) at least one propylene-ethylene or at least one propylene-butylene copolymer having a melt flow rate of about [[6]] 8 to about 30 g/10 min, and from about [[10]] 5% to about 50% by weight of (B) at least one ethylene-butylene or at least one ethylene-hexene copolymer, or mixtures of two or more of said copolymers.

27. (Currently Amended) A multilayer film comprising a base layer having a upper and lower surface and at least one skin layer on the upper surface wherein the skin layer is derived from the machine direction oriented film of claim 1.

28. (Original) The film of claim 27 wherein a skin layer is on the upper and lower surfaces of the base layer.

29. (Currently Amended) A multilayer film comprising a base layer having a upper and lower surface, and at least one skin layer, derived from the film of claim 17, is on the upper surface, wherein the skin layer is derived from the machine direction oriented film of claim 17.

30. (Original) The film of claim 29 wherein a skin layer is on the upper and lower surfaces of the base layer.

31. (Currently Amended) A multilayer film comprising a base layer having a upper and lower surface and at least one skin layer, ~~derived from the film of claim 26~~ on the upper surface, wherein the skin layer is derived from the machine direction oriented film of claim 26.

32. (Original) The film of claim 31 wherein a skin layer is on the first and second surfaces of the core layer.

33. (Currently Amended) A ~~die-cuttable, stretch-~~ machine direction oriented multilayer film comprising

(A) a base layer having an upper surface and a lower surface, and comprising polyethylene having a density of above about 0.940 g/cm³ ~~or less~~, a propylene homopolymer, a propylene copolymer, or mixtures of two or more thereof, and

(B) a first skin layer ~~prepared from (A)~~ comprising (B-1) at least one propylene homopolymer, copolymer or blend of two or more thereof wherein [[(A)]] (B1)

has a melt flow rate from about ~~[[5]] 8~~ to about 40 g/10 min and ~~[[B)] (B-2)]~~ at least one olefin elastomer wherein said skin layer overlies the upper surface of the base layer.

34. (Original) The multilayer film of claim 33 wherein the base layer comprises a propylene homopolymer or copolymer.

35. (Currently Amended) The multilayer film of claim 33 wherein the base layer comprises ~~polyethylene having a density of from about 0.890 to about 0.925 g/cm³~~
a propylene copolymer.

36. (Original) The multilayer film of claim 33 wherein the base layer or first skin layer, or both, also contain a nucleating agent.

37. (Original) The multilayer film of claim 33 containing a second skin layer covering the lower surface of the base layer.

38. (Original) The multilayer film of claim 37 wherein the composition of the second skin layer is different from the composition of the first skin layer.

39. (Currently Amended) An adhesive containing labelstock for use in adhesive labels which comprises

(A) the film of claim 1 having an upper surface and a lower surface,
and

(B) an adhesive layer having an upper surface and a lower surface wherein the upper surface of the adhesive layer is adhesively joined to the lower surface of the ~~base layer~~ film of claim 1.

40. (Currently Amended) The labelstock of claim ~~[[56]]~~ 39 wherein the adhesive layer is a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer.

41. (Cancelled)

42. (Cancelled)

43. (Currently Amended) An adhesive containing labelstock for use in adhesive labels which comprises

(A) the film of claim 33, and a base layer having an upper surface and a lower surface, said base layer comprising a polyethylene having a density of above about 0.940 g/cm³, a propylene polymer or copolymer, or a mixture of two or more thereof,

(B) a first skin layer comprising (B-1) at least one propylene homopolymer, propylene copolymer or a blend of two or more thereof wherein (B-1) has a melt flow rate of from about 8 to about 40 g/10 min, and (B-2) at least one olefin elastomer, wherein said first skin layer overlies the upper surface of the base layer,

(C) a second skin layer having an upper surface and a lower surface wherein the upper surface of the second skin layer underlies the lower surface of the base layer, wherein the second skin layer comprises (B-1) at least one propylene homopolymer, propylene copolymer or a blend of two or more thereof wherein (B-1) has a melt flow ratio of from about 8 to about 40 g/10 min, and (B-2) at least one olefin elastomer, and

[[(B)]] (D) an adhesive layer having an upper surface and a lower surface wherein the upper surface of the adhesive layer is adhesively joined to the lower surface of the base layer.

44. (Original) The labelstock of claim 43 wherein the adhesive layer is a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer.

45. (Currently Amended) A pressure-sensitive adhesive label die-cut from the labelstock of claim [[39]] 40.

46. (Cancelled)

47. (Currently Amended) A pressure-sensitive adhesive label die-cut from the labelstock of claim [[43]] 44.

48. (New) A machine direction oriented multilayer film comprising

- (A) a base layer having an upper surface and a lower surface, said base layer comprising a polyethylene having a density of above about 0.940 g/cm³, a propylene polymer or copolymer, or a mixture of two or more thereof,
- (B) a first skin layer comprising (B-1) at least one propylene homopolymer, propylene copolymer or a blend of two or more thereof wherein (B-1) has a melt flow rate of from about 8 to about 40 g/10 min, and (B-2) at least one olefin elastomer, wherein said first skin layer overlies the upper surface of the base layer, and
- (C) a second skin layer having an upper surface and a lower surface wherein the upper surface of the second skin layer underlies the lower surface of the base layer, and the second skin layer comprises (B-1) at least one propylene homopolymer, propylene copolymer, or a blend of two or more thereof, wherein (B-1) has a melt flow rate of from about 8 to about 40 g/10 min, and (B-2) at least one olefin elastomer.

49. (New) The film of claim 48 wherein the base layer (A) comprises a propylene copolymer.

50. (New) The film of claim 48 wherein the base layer comprises a propylene copolymer and a linear ethylene-alpha olefin copolymer.

51. (New) The film of claim 48 wherein the first skin layer (B) comprises a propylene copolymer and a linear ethylene-alpha olefin copolymer.

52. (New) The film of claim 51 wherein linear ethylene-alpha olefin copolymer is prepared using a metallocene catalyst.

53. (New) The film of claim 48 wherein the base layer (A) contains at least one pigment.

54. (New) The film of claim 48 wherein the second skin layer comprises a propylene copolymer and a linear ethylene-alpha olefin copolymer.

55. (New) The film of claim 54 wherein the linear ethylene-alpha olefin copolymer is prepared using a metallocene catalyst.

56. (New) The film of claim 51 wherein the first skin layer comprises from about 50% to about 95% by weight of a propylene copolymer and from 5 to about 50% by weight of a linear ethylene-alpha olefin copolymer.

57. (New) The film of claim 50 wherein the propylene copolymer is a propylene alkylene copolymer.

58. (New) The film of claim 56 wherein the copolymer is a propylene ethylene copolymer.

59. (New) The film of claim 48 wherein (B-1) in the first skin layer and the second skin layer comprise a propylene ethylene copolymer.

60. (New) The film of claim 48 wherein a nucleating agent is present in one or more of the layers.

61. (New) The film of claim 48 wherein the multilayer film is formed by coextrusion.

62. (New) The film of claim 48 wherein the second skin layer comprises one or more antiblock agents.